

## SMALL FIRE LOSSES DURING PAST YEAR

Due to Good Fortune as Well as Good Management.

### REPORT OF CHIEF DUTTON

Asks for a Larger Force and Says That Department Would Be Practically Helpless With Two Big Conflagrations—Other Recommendations.

Mr. R. W. Dutton, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, today submitted to the District Commissioners his report of the operations of the department during the fiscal year ended June 30 last. The report deals with the number of alarms answered, 771 in all, being an increase of 61 over the previous year. Forty-five of the alarms were false, or 37 less than during the previous year. The total fire loss was \$134,504, or an average of \$155.26.

Chief Dutton introduces a statement showing that the fire loss for the fiscal year was considerably less than for any like period since 1891.

He also shows that 245 alarms were received between the hours of noon and 5 o'clock in the evening, 239 between that hour and midnight, 77 between midnight and 5 o'clock a. m. and 160 between that hour and noon. The smallest number of alarms was received in the month of September—33—and the largest number in the month of November—92.

The report refers to the installation of chemical engine company No. 4, in Brookland, in the month of January, and states that the present strength of the department is 24 companies, or 14 steam engine companies, 6 truck and four chemical companies. It is stated during the year by the purchase of several appliances, including ladders, lighters, chemical extinguishers and other appliances, as far as the appropriation for the purpose would admit.

Twenty-five houses were condemned during the year, or 14 less than during the previous year. Three were killed by accident. Forty-three new animals were purchased for the department, at an average of \$250 a head.

Chief Dutton says that the health of the men has been better during the year, the surgeons having made 42 less house visits and having attended to 60 less visitors at their offices. There were several cases of serious illness, but none resulted fatally.

Thirty-eight persons were placed on the pension roll entailing a monthly payment of \$1,245.

Changes in the department involved the appointment of a Third Assistant Chief Engineer, one foreman, two drivers, eight privates, sixteen watchmen, and a laborer, twenty-nine in all. Ten members resigned, eleven were removed, and six retired, and at their places were filled there were fifty-six appointments during the year.

After discussing several subjects, including the annual parade, the flag company, and the frequency of fires from the use of gasoline, Chief Dutton has this to say about the weakness of the department:

"Attention is respectfully invited to the annual report of the senior Assistant Chief of the department, in which he refers to the weakness of the fire-fighting force. As he well says, it would be practically impossible for the department to successfully fight two large fires at one time. The fact, therefore, that the loss during the past year was the smallest for twelve years was due not alone to the strength of the department or its unquestioned efficiency, but more to good fortune, for it cannot be denied that there are many buildings here the destruction of which it would be practically impossible to prevent should a fire in them get well started before being discovered or should the fire occur during the prevalence of a high wind.

"Should one of these buildings take fire while the department is engaged at a large fire or while it is divided up between several small ones, not only would the structure be destroyed, but its destruction would entail the loss of many others before the fire could be stopped. Therefore, the senior Assistant Chief Engineer's recommendation that the fire-fighting force be materially strengthened meets the approval of the department.

The report refers to the inspection of buildings of a semi-public character during the year, resulting in the addition of numerous fire-escapes, and in otherwise making large buildings safer. The report refers to the carelessness and neglect of people intrusted with the care of buildings.

Fires are frequently caused by children playing with matches, by smokers dropping lighted matches and burning clear and cigarette stumps, by overheated stoves and furnaces, and by numerous similar causes. Chief Dutton says the public should be more careful along these lines, and that such care would result in fewer fires and in less loss of property and life. He intimates that the taxpayers owe it to themselves to exercise intelligent care as well as to support a large and efficient fire department.

Chief Dutton repeats his former recommendation for the high pressure water service for the use of the department in the business section of the city. He makes a plea for shorter hours of service for the men of the department and for better salaries.

Chief Dutton calls the attention of the Commissioners to the improvements inaugurated in the matter of making the office records of the department ready for reference, and closes his report as follows:

"The department takes great pleasure in stating that from its officers and men it received at all times during the past year ready and hearty support, and to their support and efficiency the community is in no small measure indebted for the comparatively small loss suffered by fire during the year just closed. This debt of the community is especially due to the fire-fighting head of the department, Senior Assistant Chief Engineer William T. Belt, a man of progressive ideas and one whose abilities and success as a fire-fighter have given him much more than a mere local reputation."

All one width flooring, \$1.45

per 100 sq. ft., at 4th and New York ave. n.w.

\*Phone East 254 12 quart bottles of the Washington Brewing Co.'s famous Golden Hop Beer for \$1. Delivered in unlettered wagon.

### MANY MASONS ATTEND FUNERAL OF MR. KEARNEY

Services at Late Residence and Interment in Rock Creek Cemetery.

The funeral of Michael H. Kearney, was held from his late residence, 60 New York Avenue northwest, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The funeral was in charge of the various Masonic lodges of this city and Hyattsville. Rev. C. J. S. Mayo, pastor of Pinkney Memorial Church, of Hyattsville, officiated. Interment was made in Rock Creek Cemetery.

Mr. Kearney was an employee of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and a member of Plate Printers' Union No. 2. Director William Meredith, of the bureau, together with a large number of the officers and employees and nearly all the members of Plate Printers' Union attended the funeral.

The pallbearers were Messrs. J. B. Ireland, Joseph Crampton, Jarvis B. Moulden, Charles Long, Dr. J. A. McMillan, and M. F. Hobbs.

### REMEMBERS NOTHING, NOT EVEN HIS NAME

Police Investigating Case of an Unknown White Man.

The police surgeons this morning made an exhaustive examination into the mental condition of an unknown white man, apparently thirty-seven years of age, who was found wandering on M Street between Third and Fourth Streets southeast, about 11 o'clock last night in a demented condition by Bicycle Policeman Dennis J. Cullinane. Upon completing their examination they announced that the man was mentally deranged.

The police are also endeavoring to find out something about the unknown. He does not know his name, age, or place of residence. In fact everything is a blank to him, except that he remembers having met a policeman. The case is a decidedly curious one, and the police are doing their best to find his relatives.

In the meantime he will be sent to St. Elizabeth's Insane Asylum pending a trial.

### MATTERS OF INTEREST IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS

At the request of Dr. D. W. Phillips, secretary to the Anatomical Board of the District of Columbia, Dr. William Tindall, secretary to the Board of Commissioners, has submitted a statement to the effect that the Columbian University is the only institution that has given the bond required by section 4 of the act for promoting anatomical science.

Samuel Einstein, the Poundmaster, is engaged at present in taking up the dogs of people who have tired of paying license fees for their pets and prefer to dispose of the dogs by having them taken to the pound than to kill them. Every year several hundred dogs are taken up in this way in the months of July and August. Mr. Einstein reports that stray dogs are much fewer than they were three or four years ago. He thinks the District is now pretty well cleared of tramp dogs.

Mr. Trueman Lanham, Superintendent of Parking, and the forces under him are waging war upon the caterpillars and the other insects that infest the shade trees of the city. The entire city has been gone over once by the field men, who have cut off the nests of the caterpillars and carted them away to the city dumps. Mr. Lanham reports that the second round among the trees gathering in the late broods.

### POTOMAC'S RAPIDS RUN SAFELY BY CANOEMEN

Washington Men Return From Six Days' River Trip.

The trip of Messrs. Frank Gordon and H. S. Whiting, of this city, from Cumberland, Md., to Washington in a canvas canoe during the past week was one of interest and excitement. Carrying luggage weighing 185 pounds, they made the trip of 150 mile down the Castleman and Potomac Rivers in six days, and stopped at all the towns en route. Not an accident occurred to mar the pleasure of the trip, but at times they were compelled to "rough it," and when they could not make a town by night camped on the river bank.

All along the route the scenery is picturesque, and while at some places they would be compelled to carry their canoe, owing to the absence of waters, at others they would be carried along in a whirl. They came successfully through the Bull Ring Rapids at Harper's Ferry, and they are the only ones who have come through this dangerous point, where the waters of the Potomac and Shenandoah meet, this year without upsetting, and as a result they are quite proud of their achievement.

The young men are so well pleased with their novel trip that they are already planning another and a longer one.

### CHESAPEAKE JUNCTION AND ROSSLYN GO DRY

A New Sabbath Quiet at Both Resorts.

Campaign at Maryland Place Continues and Many Deputies Enforce New Edict in Virginia.

Rosslyn and Chesapeake Junction went dry yesterday. It was a blue-letter day for both resorts, and those who visited them expecting to quench their thirsts, were sadly disappointed, as the authorities had given due warning that the laws must be observed. Still there are ways of evading the law, and it is safe to say that everyone who had an opportunity, made the most of it. There was at least one instance at Rosslyn.

Early yesterday morning Sheriff Palmer of Alexandria county marched into Rosslyn with ten or twelve deputies, and forthwith notified the proprietors of the half dozen or more saloons that they should make no attempt to open for the day. This edict came as a bombshell, but it was seen that the official meant business, and the saloonkeepers not only did not open their iron doors, but made no attempt to dispose of liquid refreshments from the side entrances.

The law-abiding people of Alexandria county have grown somewhat nauseated over the condition of affairs which has existed in that part of the Old Dominion which borders on the National Capital, and the recent disturbances at both Rosslyn and Jackson City have spurred them on to action. The periodical disturbances and fights, it was thought, were due to the saloons being open on the Sabbath, so they determined that they should be closed. And closed they were, with the result that there were no fights. It was the second day, so far as the oldest inhabitants remember, that the saloons were not open, and the quietest day in the history of the village.

But less than an eighth of a mile away refreshments could be secured with only a little formality. Some ingenious individual had started a club, where by the payment of twenty-five cents any individual could become a member, and at the same time receive checks entitling him to five glasses of beer. Those who journeyed across the Aqueduct Bridge

were met at the south end by a reception committee, and loaded into herds which conveyed them to the "Waldschlosschen Club," an alleged German resort. It is alleged that not only men and women could secure refreshments, and dance to their hearts' content, but that even children were supplied with beverages. The club consisted of the dwelling house of the proprietor, an outhouse, a barn, a dancing pavilion, and an improvised bar. Several rough tables and crude benches without backs completed the adornments of the club. So while the deputies kept the saloons closed the club raked in the shekels, and it is probable that with a few more dry Sundays like yesterday the proprietor, who is believed to be a driver of a beef wagon, will be in position to retire and live in luxury. Not even a "speakeasy" could be located yesterday, although these are likely to spring up like mushrooms on next Sunday, for the residents are of the opinion that one man should not be compelled to supply the whole trade.

There was quiet in Maryland, just over the District line at the terminus of the Columbia Railroad, where during the last week each Sabbath has been one of revelry. The raid made by Constable Vermon and his deputies of Prince George county two weeks ago frightened the proprietors of the saloons and gambling joints. They made no attempt to open, and there were but few visitors to the place.

### FROM THE FIG LEAF TO THE BALLOON SLEEVE

Notable Changes in Clothing Since Eve's Time Described by Census Bureau.

The manufacture of women's clothing is exhaustively treated in a recent Census bulletin. In the six thousand years since Eve adopted the fig leaf, the industry has grown steadily from the solitary plant which produced it, until in the year 1900 there were 2,701 clothes-making plants in operation in the United States alone.

According to the bulletin the most notable changes since that early time have been the organization of the cloak makers into a union and the introduction of the different builds of shirt waist, including the balloon sleeve ones, the ones where the balloon sag in front, and the kind which are built tight around the neck and tied with a stock.

Prices of labor have also picked up greatly since Adam's wife procured her wedding trousseau. The women who make the clothes earn all the way from \$5 to \$12 for a week's work of from 55

to Niagara Falls and Return \$10 Via Pennsylvania Railroad. Special train of parlor cars and day coaches will leave Washington 8 a. m. Thursday, August 21. Tickets limited to ten days and allow stop-over at Buffalo returning. Similar excursions September 4 and 18, October 2 and 16.

### WEATHER INDICATIONS.

Warmer, with local rains late tonight and Tuesday; fresh southerly winds.

#### TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m. .... 72  
12 m. .... 79  
1 p. m. .... 81

#### CONDITION OF THE WATER.

Temperature and condition of the water at 8 a. m.: Great Falls—Temperature, 76; condition, 11. Dalecarlia reservoir—Temperature, 75; condition at north connection, 36; condition at south connection, 33. Georgetown distributing reservoir—Temperature, 77; condition at influent gatehouse, 36; condition at effluent gatehouse, 30. Washington city reservoir—Temperature, 77; condition at influent, 36; condition at effluent, 36.

#### THE SUN AND THE MOON.

Sun rises 5:15 A.M. Sun sets 6:52 P.M. Moon rises 1:00 A.M. Moon sets 3:39 A.M.

#### TIDE TABLE.

Low tide 1:40 A.M. and 2:05 P.M. High tide 7:32 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.

#### STREET LIGHTING.

Lamps lit today 7:29 P.M. Lamps out tomorrow 4:25 A.M.

#### AMUSEMENTS.

Academy of Music—"The Road to Ruin," evening.  
Kernan's—"The Utopians," afternoon and evening.  
Baseball, American League Park—Senators vs. Cleveland.

#### EXCURSIONS.

Steamer Macalester for Marshall Hall at 10 a. m.; 2:30 and 6:30 p. m.  
Norfolk and Washington line for Fort Monroe and Norfolk at 6:30 p. m.  
Trains leave Pennsylvania Avenue and Thirteen and a-half Street for Alexandria and Arlington every half hour; Mount Vernon hourly, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. Chesapeake Beach—See schedules under "Railroads and Steamboats" for time.  
Colonial Beach—Steamer T. V. Arrow-smith. See schedule under excursions for time.  
Bay Ridge—Trains leave B. & O. station at 9:10 a. m. and 4:20 p. m. week days; 9:10 a. m. and 4:15 p. m. Sundays.

Bay Ridge, the Queen Resort of the Chesapeake Bay.

Salt water bathing, Orchestra and Dancing, Boating, Fishing and Crabbing. Eminent adapted for church and organization excursions. Good hotel accommodations, specially attractive for Washington folks for over Sunday outings. Trains leave B. & O. R. R. Station 9:30 a. m. and 4:20 p. m. week days; 9:30 a. m. and 1:45 p. m. Sundays.

New N. C. Pine Flooring, \$1.45

per 100 sq. ft. Libbey & Co. Phone E. 849.

### ASHMAN NOT SITTING UP NIGHTS ABOUT COAL

Views Soaring Prices Even With a Gloat.

Contractor Rusk Computing How Many Will Burn Gas Instead of Anthracite This Winter.

The countenance of Mr. R. V. Rusk, the contractor who collects and disposes of ashes, is wreathed in smiles as he contemplates the price of coal soaring out of sight. The shrewd contractor who holds the job of emptying the metal receivers for ashes in the back yards of the residents of Washington, and who probably listens to more complaints in the course of a year than any other man in the District, is apparently not caring how high the price of coal goes.

Mr. Rusk figures out the situation as follows: The price of coal is already so high as to drive many families to the use of gas for cooking purposes. He opines that if the cost of coal increases there will be a much greater use of gas than there has been in the past. This use of gas will lessen the amount of ashes to be collected, and the \$29,379 which he receives from the District for the job will represent greater profit than formerly.

On the basis of the old proverb, Mr. Rusk thinks it "an ill wind that blows nobody good."

### GOT DRUNK AFTER SIX MONTHS AND SWORE

Gahan Pleads His Half Year's Abstinence, But Is Fined \$5.

"It's the first drunk I've been on for six months, your honor," said Michael Gahan, to Judge Bundy this morning when arraigned in the Police Court charged with cursing and swearing in the street.

"You are not charged with being drunk, but with cursing and disorderly conduct," said the judge.

"If that's all, I'm guilty," said Gahan, and seemed surprised when he was fined \$5.

Long length flooring, \$1.45

per 100 sq. ft., by Frank Libbey & Co.

S. KANN, SONS & COMPANY.

S. KANN, SONS & COMPANY.

## "THE BUSY CORNER."

ALWAYS THE BEST OF EVERYTHING FOR THE LEAST MONEY.

We Close Every Evening at 5 o'Clock—Saturdays Nine.

## House Decorations Are in Order

For the Grand Army visitors. In case it's too early, make your selection at these prices, and we'll deliver them at the proper time.

150 pairs of very fine Mercerized Hangings; in plain colors of red, green, rose, and blue; embossed patterns; finished with silk cords; extra good value at \$10 per pair. Special price \$5.25

100 pieces of Cotton Armure Tapestry—full 50 inches wide; in plain red, brown, green, and blue; extra good value at 75c a yard. Special price 30c

300 pairs of English Bobinet Curtains; finished with deep ruffle, lace edge and inserting; regular width, and full three yards long; extra good value at \$4 per pair. Special price \$2.25

50 sets of very fine real Renaissance Lace Bed Sets, including spread and shams; made of heavy quality cable net, extra good value at \$12 and \$15 per set. Special price \$7.75

Upholstery Department—Third floor.

## Notions, Small... Wares and Findings.

John J. Clarke's 200-yard Sewing Cotton, per spool 2c  
Clinton's Safety Pins; all sizes; 1 dozen on a card 5c  
Pearl Shirt Buttons; best quality; per card of 1 dozen 10c  
Best quality Kid Curriers; 1 dozen at 10c  
English Non-Twist Tape; 6 pieces in a package; 2 packages 5c  
Sandow Pins; strongest made; 2 papers for 5c  
Children's Skeleton Waists; the easiest and most comfortable summer underbody worn 21c  
Acme Crimping Pins; per box 5c  
A. L. Basting Cotton; 1 dozen spools for 5c  
Silkline Crochet Thread; 3 spools for 10c  
Magara Hairpin Cabinets; per cabinet 1c  
Machine Needles, assorted kinds; 2 papers for 5c  
Woven Initials; all letters; 3 dozen 5c  
Tubular Shoe Laces; 1 dozen 3c

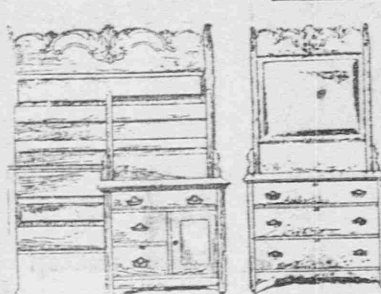
Kleinert's Sanitary Belts 18c  
6-yard pieces of Featherstitch braid 5c  
English Twill, non-twist tape; per piece 10c  
Nickel-plated Shears; full size; per pair 19c  
Self-adjusting "non-better" Dress Shields; per pair 25c  
Cling-socket Garment Fasteners; per dozen 15c  
Oscar De Long Hooks and Eyes; per card 4c  
Fancy Silk Garter Web; 4-yard strips 9c  
Climax Sewing Silk; 3 spools for 5c  
Double Satin Dress Belting; per yard 15c  
Warren's Featherbone Collars; each 15c  
Silk Taffeta Binding; in all colors; per piece 7c  
Mohair Skirt Braid; per piece 3c

First Floor—Section E.

S. Kann, Sons & Co., Market Space.

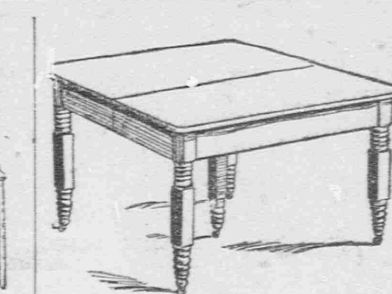
## TRY TO WE WILL TRUST YOU.

Equal These Bargains Elsewhere and It Will Cost You More Money.



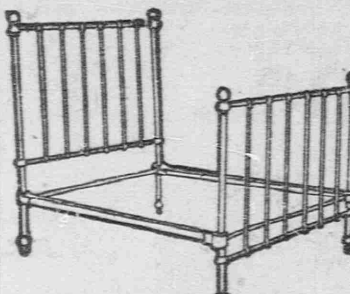
Solid Oak Bedroom Suite; construction guaranteed. Nicely finished. A great bargain at

\$13.75.



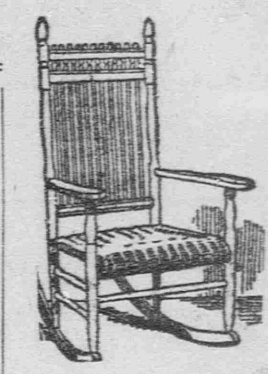
Six-foot Extension Table, solid oak; 5 legs. Well constructed and nicely finished

\$3.98.



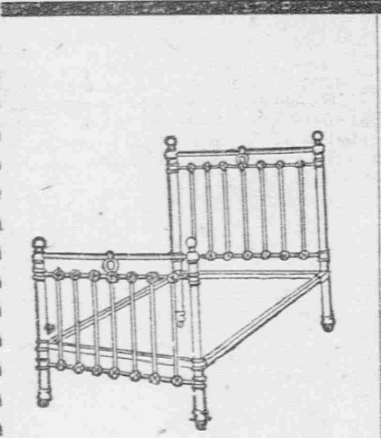
Heavy White Enameled Iron Bed; brass trimmings; best of workmanship. All sizes

\$3.25.



Substantial Porch Rocker like cut. A great home comfort after a day's work

89c.



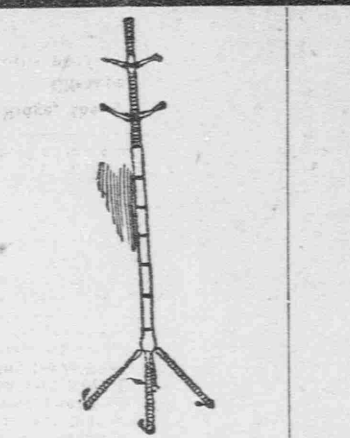
Very Heavy White Enameled Iron Bed; brass rods on head and foot boards. All sizes

\$4.68.



Fine 5-Piece Parlor Suite. Best upholstery; spring edge. Best seat springs.

\$27.50.



Solid Oak or Mahogany Customer—6 pieces. A useful article for hall or bedroom

55c.



Oak Tabourette like cut. Price to close out

29c.



Fine Oak Sideboard; fine French beveled plate glass; swell drawers; elegantly finished.

\$13.75



Solid Oak Chiffonier 5 drawers; brass trimmings; well constructed.

\$4.65



Solid Oak Dresser; bevel plate glass; handsome trimmings.

\$8.75



Good Tufted Fine Quality Velvet Couch.

\$6.50

REMNANTS OF MATTINGS, ALL GRADES, 8 CENTS A YARD.

Mayer & Co., 415-417 7th St.